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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jong-Suk (James) Lee

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and terminal disclaimer filed 9/4/2001 and telephone interview on 9/25/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-8.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 10.
(b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 11 December 2000, which has been approved by the Examiner.
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>21</u> . |
| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>18</u> . | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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2 **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT**

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4 1. The amendment filed September 4, 2001 has been entered.

5 2. The terminal disclaimer filed on September 4, 2001 disclaiming the terminal portion of any
6 patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent
7 No. 6,196,768 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

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9 3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or
10 additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.
11 To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment
12 of the issue fee.

13 Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with
14 Mr. Eugene R. Montalvo (Reg. No. 32,790) on September 25, 2001.

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16 4. The application has been amended as follows:

17 **IN THE CLAIM**

18 ✓ Claim 1, line 7: --for reducing vortex induced vibrations-- has been inserted after "on the
19 hull".

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✓ Claim 4, line 1: --section-- has been inserted after "profile".

✓ Claim 5, line 1: --section-- has been inserted after "profile".

✓ Claim 7, line 1: --section-- has been inserted after "profile".

✓ Claim 8, line 1: --section-- has been inserted after "profile".

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest a spar structure comprising of a vertically oriented elongated floating hull having a vertically oriented fairing shaped profile section presented therein for reducing vortex induced vibrations and as specifically called for in the claimed combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jong-Suk (James) Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-6777. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

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1 David J. Bagnell, can be reached on (703) 308-2151. The fax phone number for this Group is
2 (703) 305-3597.

3 Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
4 should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

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6 Jong-Suk (James) Lee *JS*

7 September 25, 2001


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